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SUBJECT: JAPANESE RED ARMY (JRA)

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1. ON 2 SEPT 1975 RSO ATTENDED MEETING WITH MASAYASU ABE,
COUNSELLOR, JAPANESE EMBASSY, LISBON, PORTUGAL.

2. INFORMATION OF PARTICULAR INTEREST DEALT WITH RECENT
JRA DEATH THREAT MADE ON GENERAL OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO.
FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE
LISBON "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" 21 AUGUST 1975 UNDER THE HEADLINE
"AFTER KUALA LUMPUR: JAPANESE TERRORISTS THREATEN GENERAL
OTELO"

"THE JAPANESE RED ARMY USUALLY MANAGES TO ATTAIN ITS
OBJECTIVES, AS WAS DEMONSTRATED IN OUR LAST ACTION, IN
KUALA LUMPUR." THUS BEGINS A LETTER DIRECTED TO GENERAL
OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO AND SIGNED, IN THE NAME OF THE
KNOWN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, BY G. HASEBE AND M. OKA.
A COPY OF THIS LETTER, SENT TO OUR NEWSPAPER, WAS
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POSTMARKED BALBOA, CANAL ZONE, PANAMA.

IN ITS LETTER, THE "RED JAPANESE ARMY" ANNOUNCED ITS PRESENCE IN PORTUGAL AND, AFTER STATING THAT IT CONSIDERED GENERAL OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO'S ATTITUDE REGARDING THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE TO BE IN ERROR, ADVISED THAT IT NOW HAS IN OUR COUNTRY THE MEANS TO "DISCIPLINE SEVERELY" THAT MEMBER OF THE DIRECTORATE. THE "RED ARMY" NONETHELESS DID NOT STATE THE REASONS FOR ITS OPPOSITION TO THE POLITICAL LINE OF THAT LEADING MEMBER OF THE M.F.A.

THE THREAT WAS DIRECTED NOT ONLY AGAINST THE COPCON COMMANDANT AND HIS SOLDIERS, BUT ALSO TO "THEIR WIVES, CHILDREN AND OTHER RELATIVES" AS THE LETTER CONTINUED: "THIS APPLIES NOT ONLY TO YOUR FAMILY, BECAUSE WE HAVE ALREADY PLANNED AN ACTION AGAINST TEN OF YOUR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS."

THEY ADDED THAT BORDER CONTROLS WOULD BE UNNECESSARY BECAUSE THEY ALREADY HAVE "INSTRUMENTS SECURELY WITHIN THE COUNTRY" WITH THEIR ACTION TO BEGIN AT AN UNDETERMINED TIME AND TO HAVE SUCH RESULTS AS TRAIN DERAILINGS AND ACTS OF SABOTAGE ON BRIDGES AND IN PLANES.

"WE GIVE YOU THIS STRONG STATEMENT IN ORDER THAT YOU RESIGN," THE WRITERS OF THE LETTER CONCLUDE, ALLUDING SPECIFICALLY TO GENERAL OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO, WHOM THEY THREATENED WITH DEATH.

3. ABE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CARVALHO'S OFFICE AND HAS CONFIRMED THAT CARVALHO DID IN FACT RECEIVE SUCH A LETTER. FURTHERMORE, ABE WAS TOLD BY CARVALHO'S ASSISTANT THAT THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH AND WAS MAILED FROM THE CANAL ZONE.

4. ABE HAS REQUESTED THAT THE PORTUGUESE SECURITY POLICE (PSP) CAREFULLY SCREEN ALL ARRIVING JAPANESE. THE PROBABILITY THAT PSP CAN EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT A SCREEN IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY DUE TO THE HIGH INFLUX OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES AND THE RESULTING TURMOIL AT THE LISBON AIRPORT.

5. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MEMBERS OF THE JRA ARE IN PORTUGAL. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORT FROM SPANISH CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY THAT THERE MAY BE SOME JRA MEMBERS IN LISBON. HOWEVER, DUE TO RELATIVELY UNSOPHISTICATED GOP INTELLIGENCE SERVICES LITTLE CAN BE DONE TO CONFIRM THIS REPORT.

6. ABE HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE ACTIONS THAT THE JRA MIGHT HAVE PLANNED IN PORTUGAL FOR THE NEAR FUTURE. AT THIS TIME RSO DOES

NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE JRA
ACTIVITIES LOCALLY.

7. ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT
THE EMBASSY AND RSO WILL MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH ABE.
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